(घ) और (ङ) इस्को पहले ही स्टील अथारिटी आफ इण्डिया लिमिटेड के पूर्णत: स्वामित्व में उसकी सहायक कम्पनी है।

Recommendation by Commission on SC/ST

*175. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the statutory commission on SC/STs has submitted any annual report since 1991; and

(b) if so; what are the main recommendations and the details of action taken on them by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The National Commission for SCs and STs which was accorded constitutional status w.e.f. 12-3-92 has not submitted any Annual Report so far.

(b) Question does not arise.

Supply of contaminated water by MCD

@*176. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a couple of children died after consuming contaminated water supplied by Municipal Corporation of Delhi during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiries into this magic incident;

(d) if so, what are the results of the inquiry made;

(e) whether Government have taken any action against those who are responsible for this incident;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what precautions have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) to (g) In the wake of certain press reports of death of children caused by drinking of alleged contaminated water in Savitri Nagar in South Delhi, on instructions from the Lt. Governor, Delhi, the Municipal Corporation conducted an inquiry and found that, of the 8 such deaths reported in Savitri Nagar, 3 could not be traced for want of correct addresses. The details of the other 5 deaths are as follows :—

(i) Urmila, a nine months old infant, died at home on 17-5-93, after continuous vomitting for seven to eight hours.

(ii) Rekha, aged ten months, died on 5-6-93 in Safdarjung Hospital after vomitting and loose motions. She was ill since 1-5-93 and was treated for the same at AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital and at a number of private clinics. The exact cause of death is not known.

(iii) Komal, a two months old infant, died on 5-6-93 at home, her parents have reported that she could not pass urine.

(iv) Sonu, an eighteen months old child, died on 11-6-93 in Kalawati Saran Hospital due to gastro-enteritis with sapticimia and protein energy malnutrition.

(v) Sunita, aged four years, died at Safdarjung Hospital on 25-5-93 due to gastro-enteritis with severe dehydration.

The enquiry report attributes these deaths to general insanitary conditions, leaky individual water supply connections, use of illegal online boosters and unhygienic storage of water inside the houses. The said report has not fixed responsibility on any official in this regard.

Two other deaths of children on account of gastro-enteritis during the period from 1-1-93 to 7-7-93 have been reported by the Director of Health Services, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The details are as follows :—

(i) Darpan, son of Sh. Sukhvinder Pal resident of Khazuri Pras, aged six months, died on 28-2-93 at I. D. Hospital.

(ii) Seema, daughter of Sh. Ashok, resident of Shastri Nagar, aged eleven months, died on 19-5-93 at AIIMS.

The exact cause of gastro-enteritis in these two cases is not known. These deaths cannot be attributed to municipal water supply, these being isolated cases.

The Municipal Corporation has reported that several measures have been taken to ensure that the water supply is potable. The quality of water is checked at every stage upto distribution at the consumer's end. All reservoirs, over-head tanks and dead-ends in the distribution system have been flushed and cleaned. A drive has been launched to remove illegal on-line boosters and notices have been issued to the consumers where service pipes pass through drains to raise these pipes.

@ Previously starred Question 136 Transferred from 4-8-93.